## **Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks News Release**

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As of 6 pm Thursday, 3/24/11:

Snow continues to fall in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, so the following conditions may change. Please call for the latest conditions before traveling to the parks: 559-565-3341:

<u>Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon NP</u> - Chains or 4x4 are required on Highway 180 in Grant Grove area. All vehicles are required to carry chains. Azalea Campground is closed. There is a power outage in the area. Earliest expected renewal of power is late on Friday. Kings Canyon Visitor Center is closed. Snowplows are active; grant them right of way.

<u>Giant Forest/Lodgepole area of Sequoia NP</u> - Chains or 4x4 are required starting at Hospital Rock Picnic Area. All vehicles are required to carry chains. Snowplows are active; grant them right of way.

The road between the parks is closed. If conditions worsen tonight, the road will close at Hospital Rock. Throughout the parks, some trees and rocks have been falling on or near roadways. Proceed with caution.